



Objective:

Nickel City Hockey Association understands that the evaluation process is important to players, parent/guardians, coaches and the association. Our goal is to provide the players the opportunity to demonstrate their hockey abilities and skills during the selection process.

Our vision in selecting teams is to have players of similar abilities playing together developing and competing, while having fun playing hockey during the season.

General Overview:

- All AAA, AA and A teams will be finalized by the end of May (with potentially only one or two vacancies on some teams). It is imperative that all players wishing to play in the Nickel City Hockey Association attend the evaluations and be registered with NCHA via the NCHA website.
- Players who are unable to attend the evaluations are still required to register with NCHA and pay the registration fee.
- Players that do not attend the evaluations will be entered as non-rated players and may not be selected for a team.
- Players who are injured or ill and are unable to attend tryouts may be considered by the coaches with the help of the Selection Committee. They will use previous season evaluations, previous season play, as well as last season coaches review to help with the decision. Note that using last season's information may not be as accurate and could result in the player being placed in a lower tier.
- \$50 of the registration fee will be placed into a development fund and will be used towards player development.

Evaluation Process:

- Evaluations will be by Age category (Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget).
- Skills practice & scrimmage evaluations will be used.
- Tryout dates and times will be posted on the website.
- Independent evaluators may be utilized by coaches to observe and be consulted to help the coach with player and goalie evaluations.



WEEK 1 – ‘AAA’ Team Evaluations

- Selected AAA coaches and potential AA and A coaches must attend and help the AAA coaches.
- All players with the intent to play AAA level are required to attend the AAA ice sessions.
- Player evaluations will consist of the following:
 - Practice/Skills
 - Scrimmage
- AAA Coaches select their teams.
- Those players who are not selected return the following week to the AA selection process.
- Players who attended the evaluations and were not selected for the AAA team will be offered their release, given the option of attending another AAA level tryout from another association.

WEEK 2 – ‘AA’ Team Evaluations

- Selected AA coaches and potential A coaches must attend and help the AA coaches.
- All players who were not selected for AAA with the intent to play AA, are required to attend the AA tryout sessions.
- Player evaluations will consist of the following:
 - Practice/Skills
 - Scrimmage
- AA Coaches select their teams.
- Those players who are not selected return the following week to the A selection process.
- Players who attended the evaluations and were not selected for the AA team will be offered their release, given the option of attending another AA level tryout from another association.

WEEK 3 – ‘A’ Team Evaluations

- Selected A Coaches and the conveners select A teams during evaluations, taking into consideration player residence and the balancing of the teams, as much as possible.
- Players who attended the evaluations that are not placed on an A team will be offered a release.

Note: All players coming from another association must have a release signed by their home association.



Players from Other Associations:

Nickel City Coaches will not sign any players from any other association that have a AAA program offered in their own center. If other associations are not offering AAA program, NCHA are allowing coaches to sign a max of 4 skaters or 3 skaters and 1 goalie total to their roster for Bantam AAA Minor and Major.

At the Pee wee AAA Minor and Major Level, NCHA are allowing coaches to sign 2 players with release letters from their home association along with a cut letter from the Head Coach.

NCHA will not include Manitoulin or Blind River as out of District Players, as they don't have a AAA program in their home centers.

At the AA level, coaches will only be allowed to select players that reside in the area with no AA center.

At the A level NCHA are not approving the coaches to sign any out of District Players without board approval.